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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Jun-Ichi Kawakami et al.

Application No.: 10/500,999

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Art Unit: 1626

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FUSED  
IMIDAZOLE COMPOUND, REFORMATSKY  
REAGENT IN STABLE FORM, AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: L. Stockton

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2008, finally rejecting claims 22-25 and 30, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as described herein. A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month from November 21, 2008 to, and including, Monday, December 22, 2008 is included herewith.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.